

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the allowance of claims 39-42, and the indication that claims 56-61 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1-4, 6-35 and 37-55 are now pending, with claims 1, 13, 29, 39, 46, 52 and 55 being the independent claims. Dependent claims 56-61 have been canceled. Claims 1, 13, 29, 46, 52 and 55 have been amended.

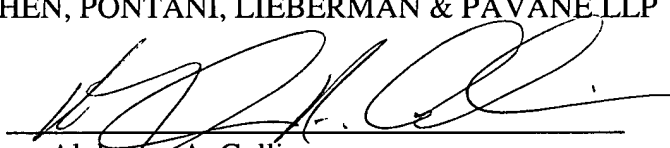
Claims 1, 13, 29, 46, 52 and 55 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61, respectively. Since claims 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 13, 29, 39, 46, 52 and 55 are all in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-4, 6-12, 14-28, 30-35, 37, 38, 40-45, 47-51, 53 and 54 all depend from these independent claims and are therefore allowable because the independent claims are allowable. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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